

## Weekday Readings

Monday, January 30: HEB 11:32-40; MK 5:1-20  
 Tuesday, January 31: HEB 12:1-4; MK 5:21-43  
 Wednesday, February 1: HEB 12:4-7, 11-15; MK 6:1-6  
 Thursday, February 2: MAL 3:1-4; LK 2:22-40 or 2:22-32  
 Friday, February 3: HEB 13:1-8; MK 6:14-29  
 Saturday, February 4: HEB 13:15-17, 20-21; MK 6:30-34  
 Sunday, February 5: IS 58:7-10; 1 COR 2:1-5; MT 5:13-16

## Prayer List



Please pray for: Bishop John Kinney, Lori Crozon, Jane Anderson, Lucille Lahr, Tim Eder, Jackie Boulton Family, Theresa Welle, Jeff Pauls, Anna Mae Sturm, Elwood Hurley, the Ertl Family, Alexis Vossen, Burgetta Nistler and Jerry Weinmann Jr..

## Local Events

January 28: 4:30-7:30 Knights of Columbus Spaghetti Supper, Holy Cross School, Marty.  
 January 29: Foresters Matching Grant Breakfast, Sts. Peter & Paul Parish Center, Richmond, 9:00-12:00.  
 February 3: The EVW Music Department, Chili Supper from 4-8 p.m. Tickets can be purchased at the EVW HS by contacting Kim Salo 453-2900 x1137 or Kris Latcham x1220 or through any EVW Band/Choir student.



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## MARCH FOR LIFE, 2017

This last week-end we commemorated the January 22, 1973 horrendous Supreme Court decision legalization Abortion? 44 years of providing our unborn babies (*U.S. citizens*) absolutely NO protection for their precious lives in what should be the safest place in the world, their mother's womb. Let us All Pray in special ways today & this week for an END TO ABORTION. On Sat Feb 11, from 10am to noon, there will be a "Defund Planned Parenthood" Vigil in front of the Planned Parenthood in St Cloud to specifically pray for an end to taxpayer funding of abortion. This rally will take place from 10am to noon. If you are upset about having your tax dollars going for abortions, this will be "A time for action to add to our prayers". More information to follow.

## Youth Activities

### Castaway

Castaway is a 3-day retreat experience for youth in grades 9-12. Castaway will be March 24-26 and is held at the Young Life- Castaway Camp near Detroit Lakes. Please contact Jessie or Becky to sign up. Adult chaperones will also be needed.

**Steubenville** is a 3-day personal encounter with Jesus for youth who will be completing grades 8-12 this spring. Steubenville will be July 28-30 and is held at St. Thomas University in St. Paul. Please contact Jessie or Becky to sign up. Adult chaperones will also be needed.



# January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2017

## 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Fr. Aaron Nett,  
 Pastor/Parochial Administrator



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 Arliss Stenger, Coordinator of Faith Formation (Grades 1-6)

### The Assumption Church Presents: "Build Your Own Sub" on Super Bowl Sunday!

Come get your sub for the game, February 5th selling from 9AM-Noon. Proceeds raised goes toward Castaway Camp for 9th - 12th graders. For \$6.00 you get a sub sandwich (made to order), bag of chips, and a treat. Subs can also be ordered separately for \$5.00. Call 453-5765 or email [assumptionre@meltel.net](mailto:assumptionre@meltel.net) for pre-orders.



\*\*Confirmation students who help can count this as service hours. Let Becky know ASAP!

### Assumption Mass Intentions

Monday, January 30: 8:00 a.m. Communion Service  
 Tuesday, January 31: 8:00 a.m. Communion Service  
 Wednesday, February 1: **No Mass 8:00 a.m.** Communion Service  
 Thursday, February 2: **5:45 p.m. Mass** - † Ed & Anna Weinmann  
 Friday, February 3: 7:00 a.m. **Mass** † Lorán Eull  
 Saturday, February 4: 7:00 p.m. Mass- † Lorraine Henfling  
 Sunday, February 5: **8:00 a.m.** Mass - † Judy McCann

### St. Anthony Mass Intentions

Tuesday, January 31: 9:30 a.m. **Mass at Hilltop** - † Beverly Schmitt  
 Wednesday, February 1: 6:45 p.m. **Mass at Church**- Youth  
 Thursday, February 2: **No Mass at Church**  
 Friday, February 3: 9:30 a.m. Communion Service at Hilltop  
 Saturday, February 4: 4:00 p.m. Mass - † Eileen Kern  
 Sunday, February 5: **10:00 a.m.** Mass - † Robert Donnay

**Reconciliation: Saturdays at 3:30 p.m. at St. Anthony, 6:30 p.m. at Assumption**

### The Blessing of Faith

Jesus brings the people up the mountain to share the secrets to life through the eyes of faith; blessedness. Life's struggles push us to the brink at times and challenge us with problems beyond our means to deal with them. In this way life can seem almost unbearable and hope starts to slip away. Jesus offers us hope to see things differently; "blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." Faith is the ability to go beyond the brink and our own ability to reason or "deal with a situation." Faith is the ability to dream the impossible. Faith sees with the eyes of the heart that God is here and he will see us through to the very end in his way. Only in this way do we truly live.

St. Therese of Lisieux, "the Little Flower," who was named a Doctor of the Church in the twentieth century for her "Little Way" of experiencing the blessedness of God, once said, "All things are grace." She meant that all things whether good, bad, ugly or otherwise are somehow a grace that can be used to experience God's blessing and draw nearer to him. Someone may ask; why did God cause this terrible thing to happen? God does not actually cause evil nor delight in his people's sufferings, however, since he is *omnipotent* (all powerful) and *omniscient* (all knowing) he recognizes each situation and may actually allow suffering to bring about a greater good. "For whom the Lord loves, he disciplines;" Like the good father does.

Through the eyes of faith we may believe and, in fact, dare to hope that God can bring good out of suffering. A remarkable claim that our faith makes is that even a terrible situation can turn out to be a blessing. This is faith in its purest sense. Jesus says, "Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven." May the true blessing of faith be ours.

God bless you, Father Aaron

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# Church of the Assumption Bulletin Notes

## Upcoming Events

**January 28:** J.A.M. Session, 5:00-6:40 at St. Anthony's  
**January 29:** Youth Mass, 10:00 AM  
Date Change: 1<sup>st</sup> Communion Parent Mtg, after 10 AM Mass  
 Appreciation Dinner, 3:00 PM Social Hour, 4:00 PM Dinner  
**February 5:** Special Mass Time! 8:00 AM  
 Super Bowl Sub Sale (9am-Noon)  
**February 11-12:** Christian Women Carnation Sale  
**February 12:** Confirmation Retreat Team Mtg. 11:15 AM  
**February 19:** Christian Women Benefit for Life, 9-1

## Ministry Schedule: February 4 & 5

**Lectors:** 7 p.m. Bill Tschumperlin  
 8 a.m. Elaina Stommes & Dave Ruhland  
**Ushers:** 7 p.m. Dave Braegelmann, Ralph Hennen,  
 Joe Streit & Josh Bischof  
 8 a.m. Jerry Schutz, Lou Kramer,  
 Evan Thielen & Carter Brown  
**Ministers of Communion: H.M:** Mary & Tom Mathies  
 7 p.m. Joyce Gertken, Bobbi Jo Kneip & Andrea Huschle  
 8 a.m. Jenni Evens, Mary Jo Ruhland & Donna Bischof  
**Servers:** 7 p.m. Anthony Schettler & Carter Brown  
 8 a.m. Ethan Laudenbach, Carter Laudenbach,  
 Marissa Laudenbach & Abby Niewind  
**Rosary Leaders:** January 30- February 3, Cyrilla Nohner  
 7 p.m. Helen Theis  
 8 a.m. Mary Jo Ruhland  
**Music:** 7 p.m. Kris Latcham  
 8 a.m. Lisa Thielen  
**Collection Counters:** Barb Hartkopf & Deb Huschle

## Financial Blessings

Parish Income	1/22/17	1/24/16
Loose Plate	199.00	209.38
Adult Envelopes	2621.00	1947.00
Youth Envelopes	11.75	7.00
Votive	55.50	46.00
Maintenance/Security	280.00	0.00
Bazaar	225.00	75.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4597.80</b>	<b>\$2284.38</b>

<b>2016 Bazaar:</b> \$19,685	<b>Mass Attendance:</b> Jan 21, 7:00 p.m. 87
<b>Monthly Auto Drafts:</b> \$1699	Jan 22, 10:00 a.m. 221
	<b>Total:</b> 308

## Children's Liturgy

We are looking for parents who would be interested in teaching Sunday Liturgy of the Word to their own children and other children (second grade and younger). It is an easy and fun ministry, sure to help you enhance the faith of your whole family! Please email or call the Religious Education office.

## Special Mass Time!!

Next weekend, the Sunday Mass at Assumption will be offered at 8:00 AM due to the blessing and dedication of St. Anthony's parish center at 10:00 AM.

## JAM SESSION

Our next Youth Group Meeting (JAM SESSION) is next Saturday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, after the 4:00 PM Mass at the St. Anthony Parish Center. JAM SESSIONS are for the youth of both parishes in grades 7-12. Please encourage the youth to attend!!

## St. Blaise Blessings

During next weekend's Masses there will be St. Blaise Blessings of the Throat for protection from afflictions of the throat and from other illnesses. Anyone is welcome to participate in this special blessing.

## Christian Women Benefit

Please join us for the Assumption Christian Women Benefit for Life and Family Ministries on Sunday, Feb. 19<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Silent auction, craft and bake sale, and luncheon serving pulled pork sandwiches, salads, chips, pies, desserts, and beverages. Please consider donating a silent auction item or basket! (drop these at the Religious Education office). Early online volunteer signup appreciated! Sign up at: [assumptionre@meltel.net](mailto:assumptionre@meltel.net)

## Adoration News Update

We have yet another Adoration hour open. Friday morning at 3-4 A.M. If you can pick up the hour, call Rose Becker at 453-7496 or Rita Haan at 453-7865.

## Church Maintenance/Security Needs

The main need is for *tuck pointing* around the entire Church. The second need is for the parish to have its own *defibrillator* on hand in case of medical emergencies. The third need is for an *automatic locking system* on all three main entries of the Church. The estimated costs of the items total \$24,000. So far we have collected a total of \$15,330. Thank you to all who have been able to give so far!

## Magnificat

Contact the office if you are interested in ordering the Magnificat daily devotional monthly booklet. The more orders we get, the cheaper the subscription!

## Carnation Sale!

On February 11 & 12, the Assumption Christian Women will be selling carnations for your loved ones for Valentine's Day. The proceeds from the flowers will go towards funding the baptismal baskets.

## Appreciation Dinner

The Assumption Church Appreciation Dinner is January 29<sup>th</sup> at the Eden Valley Event Center. RSVPs were due by January 22<sup>nd</sup>.

# Church of St. Anthony Bulletin Notes

## Weekly Schedule

**Monday, January 30:** Mary's Cenacle, 2:00 PM  
 Mission Quilting, 12:30-4:00  
**Wednesday, February 1:** Faith Formation Classes 6:30 PM  
 Youth Mass, 6:45 PM  
**Thursday, February 2:** Thrift Shop open 9:00 AM  
**Saturday, February 3:** Thrift Shop open 9:00 AM

## Ministry Schedule: February 4 & 5

**Servers:** 4 p.m. Alison Olson & Steph Kelly  
 10 a.m. Carly & Cadence Meierhofer & Brooke Geislinger  
**Lectors:** 4 p.m. Holly Geislinger  
 10 a.m. Tammy Winter & Haylee Geislinger  
**Eucharistic Ministers:**  
 4 p.m. Bread: Molly Schlangen  
 Wine: Rich & Arliss Stenger  
 10 a.m. Bread: Sharon Simmons  
 Wine: Margi Schreifels & Heidi Schoenecker  
**Ushers:** 4 p.m. Joe Rathmann, Chuckie Unterberger,  
 Don Schmitt & Doris Rathmann  
 10 a.m. Earl Dockendorf, Ralph Huberty,  
 Tammy Winter & Joe Rathmann  
**Rosary Leaders:**  
 4 p.m. Carol Huberty  
 10 a.m. Maynard & Jeanette Walz  
**Homebound:** Ruth Geislinger, 764-6431  
**Church Cleaning: January 29 - February 11**  
 Jack & Rachel Kinzer, Mary Kay Kielty, Dale Kielty,  
 Joe Kielty, David & Connie Kerkaert and families.  
 \*Please call Theresia at 764-7251 to unlock the church.

## Financial Blessings

Parish Income	1/22/17	1/24/16
Adult Envelopes	1654.00	2019.00
Loose Plate	118.00	214.00
Weekly Auto Drafts	260.00	125.00
Youth	5.00	7.00
Votive	13.25	16.68
Church Speakers	30.00	0.00
Building Fund Auto Draft	25.00	0.00
Building Fund	0.00	0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2105.25</b>	<b>\$2381.68</b>

Thank you for  
your  
donations!

<b>Mass Attendance:</b> Jan 21, 4:00 p.m. 181 Jan 22, 8:00 a.m. 133 <b>Total:</b> 314
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<b>New Parish Center</b>	<b>1/26/17</b>
Total Project Goal	1,896,954.00
Expenses Paid	(\$1,523,197.31)
*Funds on Hand	\$102,174.97*
<u>Pledges (not paid)**</u>	<u>\$137,775.90</u>
<b>Remaining Goal</b>	<b>\$133,805.82</b>
*This total has been updated after the addition of interest and the allocation of other funds.	

## Blessing and Dedication of Parish Center

We hope that everyone will join us next weekend as we welcome Bishop LeVoir for the blessing and dedication of the new parish center! The blessing will take place after a special 10:00 AM Mass with the Bishop. Lunch in the parish center to follow the blessing. All are welcome!!

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## Annual Contribution Reports

The Church of St. Anthony annual contribution reports were mailed out this last week along with a letter regarding the building project. The contribution reports will not be available in the church as in years past. All reports will be mailed. Watch for them in the mail!

## Magnificat

Contact the office if you are interested in ordering the Magnificat daily devotional monthly booklet. The more orders we get, the cheaper the subscription!

## Catholic United Financial Donation

Thank you to Catholic United Financial for a \$300 donation to the church through their "Ministree" program. Through this program the church earns money for every hour volunteers help within the church and submits a card. All this couldn't be done without Dolores Faber who helps these volunteers fill out their cards and turns them in. Thank you Dolores!! And, of course, thank you to all those who volunteer!! We are also looking for a volunteer to help Dolores for this next year. Let the office know if you are interested!

## Audio/Sound System Update

Many of you are aware of our ongoing battle with the sound system in church. The problem has been narrowed down to the main speaker. We now have the opportunity to improve the quality of sound for everyone in church by replacing the one speaker with six new speakers throughout the church. The estimated cost of this project is \$3000. Anyone willing to donate towards this project can drop an envelope marked "speakers" in the collection. Thank you for all your patience during this time!

## Children's Liturgy Instructors

Children's Liturgy during Sunday Mass will be starting again in February. We are looking for more instructors. This is a great way to help our preschool children understand the Mass in a meaningful way! If you are interested, please contact Michelle Kramer at 764-3025.